

Second Amendment Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312  
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13. (Twice Amended) An article of manufacture comprising a composition comprising one or more polymers and a colloid wherein the colloid comprises oligodynamic metal compounds, wherein the oligodynamic metal compounds are a plurality of metal salts, a plurality of metal oxides, or a combination of at least one metal salt and at least one metal oxide.

### REMARKS

Claim 13 is amended herein. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the foregoing amendments in the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

### CLAIMS

Claims 1-13, 35-43, 45, and 47-62 are pending. Claim 13 is amended herein by deleting the words "one or more" in reference to oligodynamic compounds. This amendment is made because the claim states that the oligodynamic compound are a plurality of compounds (specifically, a plurality of salts or oxides or a combination of at least one salt and at least one oxide). As such, the amendment simply clarifies the claim by removing any potential inconsistency between the language "one or more" with the plurality. This amendment does not affect the scope of the claim, which already describes a plurality of oligodynamic compounds. No new matter has been added by this amendment, which finds support throughout the specification and in the figures. Furthermore, this amendment does not require any additional searching.

### CONCLUSION

No additional fees are believed due as a result of this Amendment, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 11-0855.

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